

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 14, 2010, Applicant hereby elects **Group I** (i.e., claims 1, 5, 14, 23, 40, and 84-110 as presently amended), without traverse, for prosecution on the merits in the instant application. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing or divisional application(s) covering the subject matter of the non-elected Claims.

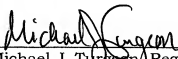
The restriction requirement further requires the election of species. According to the above election, Applicants further elect the following species: (1) "alginate" for the hydrocolloids listed in claim 5; and (2) "Lactobacillus casei" for the probiotic bacteria listed in claim 40.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (312) 609-7716. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0259, including any fees for extension of time, that may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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